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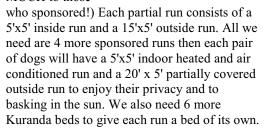
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RockySpot's Riebel Runs and Arson Acres **UPDATE UPDATE!**

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Read all about it! After 5 LONG years of work, the kennels are FINALLY home to 16 lucky RockySpot dogs. Contractors completed walls, floor, ceiling, and dog doors in September and the HVAC was installed at the beginning of October. The missing 6 kennels, fencing, storage cabinets, ceiling fans, office lighting, and ceiling insulation has stopped us from taking the opportunity to move completely into the facility. But the lucky dogs who did make it up there don't mind! They LOVE IT!

When complete the facility will host 12

complete runs. Using the 6 newly sponsored runs and some spare parts from old kennels, we currently have 8 partial runs housing 16 dogs. Two more sponsored runs are on the way! (Thank you SO MUCH to those



Unfortunately, after all this hard work and dedication, it has been discovered putting dogs on the hill and away from the protection of the trees causes the noise level to be too much for some in the surrounding rural community. To help control the noise pollution of 24 barking babies, we have had to quickly install 80' of cedar fence along the north and east sides of the

kennel. This provides both a sound barrier and a visual barrier, so the dogs don't bark at everything that comes into the yard or down the street, yet still allows the dogs to have a scenic southern view up the hill. This emergency section of fencing was made possible by a wonderful donation from RSR's adopted family Kim and Scott Bartman of Maryland, owners of RSR's beloved Chelsea and Penny.

The next phase of sound control includes installation of another 8 fence panels (64 feet) along the west side of the kennel. Planning for next year will include some landscaping around

the perimeter of the property to again keep sound levels to the neighbors to a minimum.

If you would like to sponsor a run or contribute to the fence fund all donations are

greatly appreciated and

desperately needed. An indoor/outdoor run can be sponsored for \$275 which includes a plaque mounted on your run, with your name or dedication. The remaining needed fencing is estimated to cost an addition \$300 to complete, and we will be taking ideas for landscaping sound barriers until the time is right to plant. YOU can help us get the remaining RSR dogs into their new digs before the snow falls!

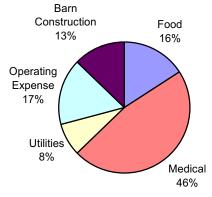
A huge thank you to all who helped make this 5 year dream come true. Especially to Doug and Linda Riebel (along with Cinder and Arson) who never gave up on us and walked with us through hell and high water to get to where we are today!

We LOVE YOU ALL!



What does your donation do?

So far this year RockySpot Rescue has found homes for over 68 dogs. We could not have done it without your generosity and the help of our volunteers and foster homes. The RockySpot Rescue is completely dependent on donations and volunteers to continue saving dogs. We think that it is important to show how your donations are used.



At this time of year we ask that you consider the RockySpot Rescue in your Holiday giving. All donations are tax deductible. We have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience.

We thank you and the Dogs thank you too.



Santa Pictures

RockySpot Rescue will be teaming up with PetsMart to sponsor Santa pictures from **10:00am until 4:00pm** on the following dates and locations: PetsMart will donate \$5 for each picture to RockySpot Rescue.

Hope to see you there.

PetsMart at 63rd and May December 3rd & December 10th

PetsMart at I-40 and MacArthur December 10th & December 18th

PetsMart I-35 **December 3rd & December 11th**

PetsMart Memorial & Penn

December 4th & December 17th

If you would like to volunteer to help with Santa Pictures please call 405-699-7358

Volunteer Bio – Hasse Heros

The Hasse family joined the RockySpot "family" when their son, Steven, adopted one of our sweet Valentine puppies, Millie, in June of 2002 and then they, themselves adopted her littermate Pippin three months later in September. Once the pups were past puppy-hood sometime in 2004 the Hasse family REALLY joined the RSR family by becoming very active and a much depended on volunteer/foster home. But they just didn't stop there! They once again added to their RSR family when their last fo ster, Conner just moved in and stayed. (Hey! He knew a good thing when he found it!)

Nancy Hasse and her son Steven, (our in -house photographer) who just graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Spring 2004 with a degree in aerospace engineering, are cornerstones of the rescue. Nancy's husband, Art, is a flight inspection pilot with the FAA and their younger son, Phillip, is employed at Big O Tires in Mustang. They too are at beck and call when the rescue needs manual labor or advice.

A huge heartfelt thank you to the Hasse family for giving us so much of their life. Without you we truly could not exist.



Old Dog Learns New Tricks

RSR is very proud to announce Piper,

adopted 2 years ago by Bill and Lisa Hagstrom, recently proved that SENIOR DOGS RULE.

Owned and shown by Lisa Hagstrom,
Piper won "Best Large Breed" in the
inaugural Gaillardia Dog Show held on
August 13, 2005 at
Gaillardia Country Club in
Oklahoma City, OK.

YOU GO PIPER!

Midnight Promises

Sadly, Midnight and Dotty were owner turn-ins at the shelter with the only request that if they lived, that they be allowed to stay together as they have always been. Abandoned and scared, they bravely faced the end of their lives, together. Seeing the sad, scared look on Dotty & Midnight's face when we considered rescuing one without the other stopped us cold in our tracks. We could not take Dotty the Dalmatian and leave her best friend in the world to die alone. Diligently for almost two long years we tried desperately to place them together, but their middle age status and mutual hate of cats kept this from happening. Realizing they might

never find a family to love them together and they would die of old age still in the rescue kennels, we made the very difficult decision to split them. With much reservation, we



let Dotty go to a home without Midnight.

Although Dotty was scared and confused at first, the love and attention of her new home has transformed Dotty and she has stolen everyone's heart in her new family. She probably still thinks of Midnight though and wonders and worries about her as she always has.

Poor Midnight is still at the rescue with no home of her own as she gets older and sadder. Time is running out for Midnight.

Midnight lives with 40 dogs now and has families out all the time to see her, but never adopt her. She is a very, very good house dog with no bad manners or habits. She will alert you when a stranger approaches or a car drives up, and she will meet you at the door a bouncing, wiggly, barking fool, happy to have you home. Very low maintenance and loving, Midnight deserves a home of her own like her best friend Dotty. She needs a warm bed to sleep in and a lot of love to soak up, instead of a bare kennel where she has lived the last 2.5 years and possibly will for the rest of her life.

Please help Midnight find a home like her lucky Dotty has! Don't let her remain alone in rescue. Having a home of her own again would be the BEST Christmas ever for one little midnight angel!



We would like to extend our love and prayers to the following 4-legged companions that touched our hearts and that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Rollie Bennett Daisy Crawford Dice Newton Martini Whiteneck-Pierce **Eilene Monnard** Sassafrass Allev **Sky Crawford Faith Justice**

Tee Monnard-Crawford

Always in our Hearts

RockySpot has a huge weeping hole in its heart due to the loss of 4 beloved, fur babies in our rescue program this year. Our sweet matriarch Savannah (Vannie) left us in January after over a year giving us and her foster mommy a lot of love and tons of inspiration. Followed the next month by our longest love, Hooch, who was in and out of our program 8 vrs. coming back to us one last time to tell us goodbye before he left unexpectedly for the bridge. Hooch must have preferred us at the rescue over any permanent home. Then in October our dear Martini decided she, too, was ready. Her foster home of 3 yrs helped her to quietly leave us. Later that month another old sweetheart, Ilean, who was not with us but few months, followed Martini to the green fields of the bridge. May these sweet babies all be young again and playing happily in the sun under the Rainbow Bridge. They will always be in our hearts and will remain forever part of our soul.

2006 RockySpot Rescue Calendars are Now Available

Calendars are now available to be ordered either online at http://rockyspot.org/order.php through PayPal or by sending a check or money order to:

> 2006 Calendar c/o RockySpot Rescue P.O. Box 98 Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065

Please Make payable to: RockySpot Rescue

\$20.00 for each calendar plus \$3.85 shipping for the first calendar, than \$1.00 shipping for each additional calendar

> Please include your Name, Address and Phone Number, alternate shipping address or special instructions.

> > Order Soon!!





RockySpot T-Shirts

They come in 2 colors, Grey or white and two styles. They are available in Medium, Large, and Extra Large for \$15 and XXL through XXXL for \$18 with an additional \$2 shipping charge per t-shirt. You can order them through the website at http://www.rockyspot.com/fundraising2.html and make payments through PayPal or send your check and order request.

Mail checks to:
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LETTERS FROM HOME CRUELTY CASE July 27, 2005

Unknown to RSR, a very young, tiny and scared Dalmatian and her best friend, a young mix-breed sat huddled in a cold, hard cell at the OKC shelter for 8 long weeks; "CRUELTY CASE." What sort of cruelty? Who could have done ANYTHING to these wonderful, gentle, loving babies? What sort of demons chased them those long 8 weeks while in confinement? What sort of demons CHASED them there to begin with? The horrors these dogs have seen, we may never know; "Privileged information." What we do know is that it is WE at the RSR who are the lucky ones, to have known these two wonderful spirits.

Both were adopted this month. Below are their "letters from home."

From Kyra the Dal

I just wanted to say hello and I miss you! I just had a fabulous day — we went for a long walk out the back door. There are so many new smells here it is crazy! Then we went to the store to buy some more toys for me- yep I have a lot; the princess bunny, fuzzy bone and fuzzy horse. A new favorite that my new dad bought for me to day is a soft ball. I absolutely love to fetch! It was so much fun playing in the pasture tonight! I kept fetching and bringing it back and again and again. The other thing I got at the store was a new name tag — it says 'Kyra' and then has a bunch of phone numbers

on it. I really like my new name, especially when my new mom calls me! I have soo many tags on my collar I feel so loved! I keep hearing words like she's so well behaved, and such a love, how long have you had her???? It's only been 2 days but it feels like I'm finally home! My new mom and dad absolutely ADORE me! It is so fun being the center of attention! THANK YOU for my new home! Love Kyra (aka Carla) Washington State

From Sandy the mix-breed

I have been told I am the sweetest dog in the entire world. Can you believe that?? I sleep on the bed with my mom & dad!! YES it is true! I never bark, and I love to play with my kids (I have kids!!! I have kids!!) They say I am full of love and kisses all of the time. Well I think THEY are full of love and kisses all the time. They say over and over "We ub (love) our Sandy!" (That's kid talk for LOVE!) I even heard my dad say that days with Sandy just keep getting better and better. (I am so happy to hear that!!) My new buddy DJ the lab seems to want to play almost as much as I do (which is TOO COOL). I heard I am getting to go someplace called Petsmart to pick up some more toys and chews. I CAN'T wait! "I ub my new home!" THANK YOU!! Love, Sandy Oklahoma City

Above it all, they triumphed and they made OUR lives much richer in the process. The thanks go to YOU Kyra and Sandy. Love, Your RSR family

